

HOUSE RESOLUTION 216
By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Freddie Ray Courtney of
Fayette County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Oakland/Macon community resident and Oakland Cleaners and Alterations owner Freddie Ray Courtney; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Courtney was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Marked Tree, Arkansas, Mr. Courtney was born on July 23, 1945, to the late Fred Robert Courtney and the late Jewell Fay Watson Courtney; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Courtney was educated in the Mississippi County, Arkansas, public school system and was a graduate of West Ridge High School; on July 14, 1963, he wed the former Joyce Avery of Lepanto, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, a former resident of Osceola, Arkansas, before moving to Fayette County twenty-three years ago, Mr. Courtney was well known in northeast Arkansas as an outstanding general agent for the Bankers Life and Casualty Insurance Company before retiring, and earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues and clients alike for the unsurpassed quality of his service; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement from a successful insurance career, Mr. and Mrs. Courtney founded Oakland Cleaners and Alterations in the Oakland community of Fayette County, which they owned and operated at the time of Mr. Courtney's death; and

WHEREAS, a true gentleman and a man of conviction, Mr. Courtney enjoyed nature, fishing, and hunting; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Courtney was devoted to maintaining the highest ideals of family and community, and he was most grateful for the deep love and companionship he shared with his beautiful family and the special closeness he held with his grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, appreciative of his many blessings, Mr. Courtney enjoyed the loving companionship of his devoted wife of thirty-three years, Joyce. He is also survived by his two sons, Fred Ray Courtney, Jr., and wife, Christie, and Randy Gene Courtney and wife, Elizabeth Ann; two sisters, Nancy Myers and Billie Jean Greer; three brothers, Charles Baker, Gerald Baker, and Billy Courtney; five grandchildren, Wesley, Taylor, Chelsea, Peyton, and Jake; and very close family friend, Drew Fabian; and

WHEREAS, a man of unwavering faith and Christian principles, Mr. Courtney was an active and devout member of the Fisherville First Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for several years, participating in numerous church activities; and

WHEREAS, Freddie Ray Courtney leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional citizen and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Freddie Ray Courtney, a man of dedication and unmatched competence, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his integrity, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and many friends of Mr. Courtney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.